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SUBJECT: PRES MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE VISIT TO FINLAND

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1. SUMMARY: MACHEL CONCLUDED THREE DAY VISIT TO FINLAND
MAY 4. DURING VISIT HE SPOKE FREELY IN PUBLIC OCCASIONS
AND IN PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT NUMBER OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING
MARXIST-LENINIST NATURE OF FRELIMO PARTY; SITUATION IN
RHODESIA; ROLE OF US IN RHODESIA; SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA
AND NAMIBIA; INDIAN OCEAN; GENERAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN
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AFRICA AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH NORDIC COUNTRIES.
MACHEL WAS EXCITABLE AND EMOTIONAL IN HIS PRESS
CONFERENCE. POLCOUNS EXPECTS REVIEW MACHEL VISIT
WITH MFA OFFICIAL MAY 6. END SUMMARY.

2. FRELIMO IS MARXIST-LENINIST -- BRISTLING AT A
REPORTER'S QUESTION ABOUT "AFRO-COMMUNISM," MACHEL

SAID HIS PARTY'S IDEOLOGY IS NOT ANYTHING "AFRO" BUT A SCIENTIFIC IDEOLOGY. HIS PARTY'S STRUGGLE IS ABOVE ALL A CLASS STRUGGLE, AND "THIS IS WHY OUR PARTY IS A MARXIST-LENINIST ONE...."

3. RHODESIA -- MACHEL SAID IAN SMITH LIVES "AT THE EXPENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, AT EXPENSE OF ENGLAND, AND AT EXPENSE OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THESE ARE COUNTRIES WHICH PREVENT LIBERATION AND DON'T WANT THE MAJORITY TO GET POWER ... SMITH REPRESENTS WESTERN CIVILIZATION TO THESE BIG POWERS", MACHEL SAID. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT BY THIS SO-CALLED CIVILIZATION IS MEANT ILLITERACY, BLOODBATHS, HANGINGS AND CONCENTRATION CAMPS. BUT THE WESTERN BIG POWERS HAVE NO CONTROVERSY WITH SMITH BECAUSE HE DEFENDS THEIR INTERESTS.

4. ROLE OF US IN RHODESIA -- MACHEL SAID ON THIS POINT THAT "IF THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATES (IN NEW CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE) IT PARTICIPATES AS A GUEST OF ENGLAND. IF THE PURPOSE OF ITS PARTICIPATION IS THE ABOLITION OF COLONIAL RULE AND LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE, WE GIVE OUR FULL SUPPORT TO ITS PARTICIPATION. BUT IF THE INTENTION IS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE ZIMBABWEAN CONFLICT AND TO ESTABLISH A PUPPET GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE, THEN WE DON'T SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE USA IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE."

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5. SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA -- WHEN ASKED ABOUT NAMIBIA AND WHAT UN SHOULD DO MACHEL LISTED SEVERAL POINTS: HE SAID UN SHOULD PREVENT THE RACIST GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA FROM DIVIDING NAMIBIA, SHOULD PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE COUNTRY, SHOULD SEE THAT THE AREA'S LIBERATION ORGANIZATION SWAPO IS ACCEPTED TO JOIN THE TALKS ABOUT THE AREA'S FUTURE, AND SHOULD UNDERSTAND NAMIBIA'S POSITION AS A COLONY OF SOUTH AFRICA AND NOT AS ITS OWN MANDATE.

6. INDIAN OCEAN -- MACHEL SAID HE WANTS TO CHANGE INDIAN OCEAN INTO AN AREA WITHOUT BASES AND NUCLEAR ARMS, AND TO "AN AREA OF PEACE". IN THAT CONTEXT HE SAID RESULTS OF HELSINKI SECURITY CONFERENCE SHOULD BE EXPANDED AND NOT LIMITED ONLY TO EUROPE. THE REAL BASIS FOR PERMANENT PEACE IS LIBERATION OF PEOPLES FROM COLONIAL RULE AND THEN ECONOMIC LIBERATION.

7. GENERAL SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA -- MACHEL

SAID IT IS NOT FOR HIM TO ANSWER WHETHER AFRICA
WILL BECOME A SCENE OF INTERNATIONAL CRISIS IF
STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM OF AFRICAN PEOPLE CONTINUES.
HE SAID REPLY SHOULD COME FROM BIG POWERS SUCH AS
THOSE WHO SUPPORT SMITH GOVERNMENT. MACHEL STATED
FASCIST, AGGRESSIVE AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATING
GOVERNMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA CONSTITUTES SERIOUS
THREAT AGAINST PEACE AND SECURITY. HE SAID THAT
GOVERNMENTS IN PRETORIA AND SALISBURY
PURSUE A POLICY OF MASSIVE OPPRESSION AND HAVE
AN AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THEIR
NEIGHBORS.

8. ECONOMIC COOPERATION -- MACHEL THANKED NORDIC
COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORT OF FRELIMO AND STRUGGLE AGAINST
COLONIALISM. ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH FINLAND
WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO DETAILS YET AVAILABLE.
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